

District of Columbia

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

I.	Program Operation	Office functions as both State/local operation
II.	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	None
III.	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	D.C. Superior Court, Office of the Corporation Counsel, Department of Employment Services, Metropolitan Police Department, State Center for Health Statistics, and Family Services (IV-E cases).
IV.	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes - D.C. Code 30-341.1 - 349.1
V.	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
VI.	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	21 years of age, or at the point the minor is self supporting through marriage, employment or military service.
VII.	Statutes of Limitation:	
	A. Collection of Past Due Support	12 years unless attempts were made within 12 years
	B. Paternity Establishment	21 years
	• Dormancy Revival/renewal Possible [yes/no]	No
I.	Guidelines	Gross Income
II.	Interest Rates on	
	A. Missed Payments	Interest is not calculated
	B. Retroactive Support	Interest is not calculated
	C. Adjudicated Arrearage	Interest is not calculated
III.	Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, if ordered by the D.C. Superior Court; through wage withholding, tax intercept, contempt
IV.	Distribution Scheme	
	A. AFDC Arrears	First to current support (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), then to Non-AFDC arrears (if multiple cases,

	proportionately among the cases), then to AFDC arrears (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), EXCEPT for IRS intercepted funds, which apply first to AFDC arrears.
B. Non-AFDC Arrears	See AFDC arrears, above
V. Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes
VI. New Hire Reporting	No
VII. Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	Yes; from obligor
VIII. Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	No
IX. Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Yes
X. Automated Locate Resources	DMV; UCB (D.C. Employment Agency); and CBI
XI. Enforcement Options	
A. State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
B. License Revocation/ Suspension	Yes
C. Administrative Liens	No
D. Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
E. State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Yes
F. Other (please specify)	Lottery winnings
XII. Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	Yes
• Enforce	Yes

• Modify	Yes
I. Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	Yes

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

I. State Code Citation	D.C. Code, Title 30 Section 341.1 - 349.1
II. Effective Date	02/13/96
III. Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes
IV. Repeal URESA?	Yes
V. Repeal IWW?	No

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

I. Income Withholding Terminology	Wage Withholding
II. Income Withholding Procedures	
• State Withholding Limits	Up to 65% based on the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA)
• Fee Charged by Employers	Up to \$2.00 per pay period at option of employer
• Date to Remit	Same day employee is paid
• Penalty	Employer subject to contempt
I. Definition of Employer	Any person or firm, association, corporation or government official who the mayor believes possesses property of a responsible relative including but not limited to earnings or other income.
II. Included Income	Any remuneration based on employment and including but not limited to wages, salaries, annuities, retirement benefits,

	unemployment compensation and disability benefits.
III. Excluded Income	AFDC, SSI, VA Disability Benefits
IV. Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No
V. Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No
VI. Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	Employment Wages Only
VII. Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	Only employers are subject to direct income withholding
VIII. Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
IX. Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Payor files objection; administrative or judicial process resolves objection
X. Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
XI. Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
XII. Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes
XIII. Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	Pro-rated against each income source
• Priority	No priority scheme
• Assistance	D.C. Superior Court Family Division - Wage Withholding Unit 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. - 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 879-4856

• Allocation	Yes
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D. PATERNITY

I. Interstate Paternity Procedures	When request for paternity establishment received by DC central registry/IV-D Office, file established, case number assigned, acknowledgment of receipt issued to initiator, case referred to Superior Court for filing and assigning a number, Office of the Corporation Counsel handles IV-D legal representation on behalf of petitioner; hearing date set; summons issued to alleged father; hearing held on paternity issue; order entered; alleged father can voluntarily acknowledge paternity and enter stipulation, but legal establishment requires court approval and order
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes, but court must approve to legally establish paternity based on a voluntary acknowledgment
II. Uniform Parentage Act	No
III. Uniform Act on Blood Testing	No
IV. Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
V. Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
VI. Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Conclusive
Threshold	99%
VII. Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Conclusive presumption
VIII. Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
IX. Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Once adjudication takes place at court, court notifies State Center for Health Statistics who adds father's name to child's birth certificate

X. Other Statutory Presumptions	Attempted marriage before child's birth, even if marriage is later declared void; marriage or attempted marriage after child's birth if respondent has acknowledged child to be his; written acknowledgment
XI. Recognition of Common Law Marriage	Yes; parties must be free to marry; have held themselves out in community as husband and wife, woman has assumed man's last name
XII. Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	No, unless case goes to contested trial, then appearance may be required
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Interrogatories, telephonic depositions, teleconference as necessary
XIII. Long-Arm Statute	D.C. Code Title 30, Section 342.1
XIV. Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
• Service of Process	Yes; OPCSE/Patricia Miller-Thompson
A. Genetic Testing	Yes; Office of the Corporation Counsel/Monica McCauley
XV. Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

I. Interstate Procedures	When request for support order establishment received by DC central registry/IV-D office, file established, case number assigned, acknowledgment of receipt issued to initiator; case referred to Superior Court for filing and assignment of a docket number; Office of the Corporation Counsel handles IV-D legal representation on behalf of petitioner; hearing date set; summons issued to respondent; hearing held on support issue; DC guidelines apply; order entered; stipulations for support used, but legal establishment of support requires court approval and order
II. Income Considered for Setting Support	Cost of providing health insurance for the child; child care costs; CP's gross income/assets; age of child; AP's gross income/assets; second family involvement; number of children
III. Criteria for Rebuttal	Needs of child are exceptional; gross income of AP is substantially less than that of the CP; property settlement provides resources readily available for the support of the child in an amount at least equivalent to the formula amount; the AP supports

	a child other than the child for whom the CP receives credit for in the formula, and application of the guidelines would result in extraordinary hardship; the AP needs a temporary period of reduced child support payment to permit the repayment of a debt or rearrangement of his or her financial obligations, if the debt is for a necessary or reasonable cost; the period of reduction does not exceed 12 months; the order includes the amount to be paid after the delay and the date higher payments are to commence; CP provides medical insurance coverage and the additional costs is significant relative to the amount of child support prescribed; children of more than 1 AP live in the CP's household and resulting gross income for the CP and children causes their standard of living to be greater than that of the AP; any other exceptional circumstance that would yield a patently unfair result
IV. Support Order for Prior Periods	<p>Birth of child plus pre-natal expenses</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>Proof of Income from both parties, Proof of child care expenses and proof of medical insurance cost for the relevant period</p>

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

I. Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Yes, if absent parent resides in DC
II. Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	No
III. Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Wage Withholding, Motion for Contempt, Writ of Attachments and Liens

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Wage Withholding
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5)	Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Motion for Contempt, Writ of Attachment, Liens
6)	UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Orders can be registered under UIFSA for either enforcement or modification and enforcement.
7)	Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	After registration for enforcement, motion for contempt if unable to enforce through wage withholding
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	Yes, D.C. Code, Section 15-351et seq.

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

I. Jurisdiction Requirements	CEJ analysis per UIFSA
II. Modification Procedures	Request from initiating State on UIFSA Action Request specifying request for upward modification/increase; need Motion to Increase affidavit from initiating State specifying circumstances and satisfying DC change of circumstances and current financial statement of obligee; motion is filed in Superior Court based on initiator's motion; summons issued; service on obligor; hearing held; determination made, order entered.
III. Criteria for Modification	The application of the guidelines against the current child support order must result in an award that varies by 15% or more change from the existing child support order.
IV. Criteria for Change of Circumstances	No modifications in support obligation in past 3 years, change in needs of the child or ability of a parent to provide support.
V. Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Upon request of the AP, CP or guardian; status request; birth of a new child (PA cases) or every 3 years
VI. Criteria for Review	Upon request
VII. Criteria for Adjustment	The application of the guidelines against the current child support order must result in an award that varies by 15% or more change from the existing child support order.

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

I. Controlling Order	CEJ analysis per UIFSA. Order issued in child's current home state; if no order from child's current home state, order most recently entered.
II. Date of Controlling Order	Analysis per UIFSA
III. If No Controlling Order	Yes
IV. Arrears Procedure	Reconcile arrears; enforcement by wage withholding or motion for contempt.

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docum ent	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Modification of Responding States' Orders	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Modification of Another State's Order	UIFSA recently passed. Unable to respond pending UIFSA Procedures.		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Transmittal requesting status	1	N/A
Assistance/Discovery	Pending UIFSA Procedures		
Quick Locate	Transmittal requesting Quick Locate	1	N/A

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**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required*

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Sheila H. Bradley Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5330
Central Registry	Mari Christine Hart-Wight Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5355
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Same as Central Registry
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Rudene M. Walker Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5311
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Rudene M. Walker Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5311
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	D.C. Superior Court, Family Division Finance Office 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. - 4th Floor

	Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 879-1585
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	D.C. Superior Court Family Division 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 879-1661
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	Mari Christine Hart-Wight Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5355
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service of Process (private process server? If so , list) 	Patricia Miller-Thompson Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5399
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing) 	Noel Johnson Child Support Section Office of the Corporation Counsel 441 - 4th Street, N.W. - Suite 600N Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 727-3839
New Hire Reporting Contact	Not Applicable
Employer Assistance Contact	Quentin Manson Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5420
Telephone Number for Automated	Not Applicable

Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	Not Applicable
Privatization Contact	Kenneth Hill Office of Paternity & Child Support Enforcement 800 9th Street, S.W. - 2nd Floor Washington, D.C. 20024-2485 (202) 645-5330